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Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of this committee

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you reference Bill 5174.

With nearly twenty years experience as a Deputy Sheriff and State Marshal I feel there may be some confusion as to the interpretation of pages in regard to service of process.

While in the performance of his or her duties as a State Marshal one must have in their possession an original document. A true and attested copy of this original must be served upon each defendant. The Marshal must stamp and sign each copy to be served on a defendant stating that it is indeed a true and attested copy. This is accomplished by the Marshal verifying that each and every page of the copy to be served is an exact match to the original. Verification of pages including all motions and exhibits must be made to insure that each defendant receives a complete packet.

I believe that the monetary value of pages has always been intended to cover this verification process.

Therefore, I recommend this body take into consideration these important steps performed by Marshals before any changes reference to pages are made.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.